

State Governments were asked to furnish district-wise data on certain indicators of economic progress in order to identify the districts where progress was slow in specified respects. The States have furnished such data.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS UNDER CUSTOMS AND CENTRAL EXCISE

940. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that collection of revenue under Customs and Central Excise during the first quarter of this year has fallen considerably; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI SACHINDRA CHAUDHURI) : (a) and (b) The collections of revenue under Customs and Central Excise during the first quarter (i.e., April to June, 1966) as compared to the budget estimates are as follows :

	Collections during the first quarter (April to June, 1966)	Budget Estimates 67	Per cent of the collections to the Budget estimates
	(Crores of rupees)		
Customs	125.35	560.20	22.4
Central Excise	236.79	1002.66	23.6

The collections for the first quarter are slightly less than 25% of the budget estimates for the year 1966-67. It cannot, however, be said at this stage that the collections have fallen considerably, as experience has shown that the rate of collection is not quite uniform throughout the year.

LOSSES DUE TO FLOODS IN PUNJAB

941. SHRI SURJIT SINGH ATWAL : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment has been made for the losses in recent floods in Punjab;

(b) whether any aid has been given to the flood victims in the State; and

(c) if so, what is the quantum of the aid ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED) :

(a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The aid being given to the flood victims by the Government of Punjab include opening of relief centres and distribution of rations, Kerosene oil, medicines, fodder etc. The total aid given will be known after some time.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF STUDY TEAM ON CONDITIONS IN SCARCITY AREAS

942. SHRI Y. A. REDDY : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer given to Starred Question No. 178 in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 1966 and state how many of the recommendations made by the Teams of Officers with regard to the then Madras State i.e. including Andhra Pradesh have been implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI ASOKA MEHTA) : A statement indicating action taken on the recommendations of the Team, is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

Recommendations made by the Officers with regard to the then State	Team of Madras	Action to be taken on these recommendations
1. First stage of Gandikota Project should be taken up.	1.	For tapping the waters of River Krishna, Nagarjunasagar Project was approved and is under implementation.
2. Cuddapah-Kurnool Canal should be reconditioned.	2.	Cuddapah-Kurnool Canal is now complete.
3. Upper Pennar Project should be expedited.	3.	Upper Pennar Project was completed by the end of the Second Plan.